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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David Z. Beckler
Executive Officer
President's Science Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Soviets See a Crisis in US Civil Defense

I believe you will be interested in a paper we have just published. This paper summarizes statements concerning US civil defense which appeared in a recently published Soviet book, The Nuclear Age and War, edited by Marshal Grechko. The civil defense portion of the book was written by Colonel General O.V. Tolstikov, a well-known Soviet civil defense spokesman. Although Tolstikov's remarks are somewhat propagandistic, the book again demonstrates that the USSR collects information concerning developments in US civil defense. The Soviets base their present civil defense preparations to a considerable degree on urban evacuation and an extensive public organization. It is not surprising, therefore, that they see the apparent lack of an extensive organization in the United States as a civil defense shortcoming.

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